



Final Settlement Agreement on the Long-Term Reform of First Nations Child and Family Services

October 1 Information Session



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Engagement Session Summary

- Special Chiefs Assembly held May 22-23.
- Information Sessions July 29 and August 19
- Q and A sessions August 1 and August 22.
- Special Chiefs Information Session September 9.

- Technical presentation available on NAN website was presented. This was recorded and is posted on YouTube.

- Session today will be new, updated information.



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Updated Information

- Post-Majority Support Services
- Capital Funding
- Terms and Conditions
- 1965 Agreement Reform
- Schedule for Assemblies



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Post Majority Support Services

- Post Majority Support Services are currently funded at actual costs until March 31, 2025.
- ❖ If the FSA is approved, this would move to an annual allocation to First Nations, unless a First Nation chooses to authorize a service provider, such as their affiliated agency, to receive their post majority funding.
- The annual allocation will be from a national pot of \$1.79 billion over the 10-year term, and there will be no application process.
- ❖ First Nations should have received early last week their post majority support services financial figures.



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Post Majority Support Services

The allocation to a First Nation will be calculated by:

- Providing a \$75,000 base amount to each First Nation and
- Adding on additional funding based on their eligible post majority population.
 - This is determined using a combination of the number of youth aged 18-26 and IMS/DMS data (children in care data).
- This number is then upwardly adjusted for remoteness.
- Funding will be adjusted annually for inflation.



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Post Majority Support Services

- Funding is intended to support youth and young adults who are transitioning out of care, until their 26th birthday.
- ❖ Care is broadly defined in this circumstance, and captures a variety of arrangements, including but not limited to customary care, extended society care, alternate care, kith and kinship care, and adoption.
- Eligible activities include supports that assist youth and young adults in the areas of:
 - ❖ Learning, education, and professional development
 - ❖ Financial support and safe, stable, and comfortable housing
 - ❖ Physical, mental, and social wellbeing
 - ❖ Connection with land, culture, language, and community



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Capital Funding

- Capital funding is currently funded at actual costs through the CHRT 41 process. If the FSA is approved, this funding would cease and be replaced by a 2.9-billion-dollar pot over the 10-year term.
- ❖ *Until March 31, 2025 ISC will fund existing projects at the design or construction phase to completion at actuals. ISC will also fund new capital funding requests at actuals as long as the request is eligible and is received prior to March 31, 2025.
- The current capital application process would be replaced by a new and improved process that will have funding to support:
 - Operations and maintenance costs of assets which have been built or purchased using CHRT 41, or the new capital process.
 - Ongoing projects that have been approved through CHRT 41 or the new capital process.
 - New projects.



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Capital Funding

- The capital funding is intended to provide funding for capital assets which support the delivery of FNCFS programming. Funding can be used for the purchase, new construction, renovation, and replacement of assets.
- Eligible capital projects would be linked to the delivery of FNCFS funded services, such as:
 - ❖ Prevention
 - ❖ Protection
 - ❖ Band Rep Services
 - ❖ Post-majority support services



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Updated Capital Process

- First Nations and FNCFS Agencies will submit investment plans which outline their capital needs. This intake process will be integrated with the overall community infrastructure planning process.
- COO, NAN, and AFN are working with Canada to develop a framework to prioritize new projects and determine the order in which they will be funded.
- This is intended to be an improvement on the CHRT 41 process, which we have heard concerns about.



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Terms and Conditions

- The terms and conditions have been approved by ISC, and will be posted shortly for review, and inserted into the FSA.
- The terms and conditions include:
 - ❖ Eligible activities and expenditures for each component of the Reformed FNCFS Funding Approach.
 - ❖ The FNCFS funding mechanism.
 - ❖ Methods for determining funding.
 - ❖ Planning and reporting requirements.
- The terms and conditions would be effective as of April 1, 2025.



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1965 Agreement Reform

- The reform of the 1965 Agreement, which is a cost sharing agreement between Canada and Ontario, continues to be a priority for NAN and COO.
- The FSA sets out that COO, NAN, and Canada will continue to work together on an expedited basis to pursue reform of the 1965 Agreement.
- We are also working on a short separate agreement with Canada to ensure mutual commitment to the reform of the 1965 Agreement, and how to work together to get Ontario to commit to negotiating a reformed 1965 Agreement.



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Schedule for Upcoming Assemblies

- October 9- NAN SCA in Toronto at the Chelsea Hotel. Registration for Chiefs is open. NAN will book travel for all Chiefs and Proxies.
- October 10- COO SCA in Toronto at the Chelsea Hotel. Registration for Chiefs is open. NAN will book travel for Chiefs and Proxies.
- October 16-18- AFN SCA in Calgary at the BMO Centre. Registration for Chiefs is open. AFN is booking travel for Chiefs and Proxies.
 - *draft agenda indicates vote on FSA will be Thursday the 17.